Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association
Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission

SPECIAL Commission Meeting
September 22, 2022

Call to Order

The virtual special meeting of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Rudzinski presided. He explained that the meeting is occurring to discuss the motion that was made and vote that was taken in regard to the Philadelphia City Police Department specifically regarding standard 1.1.1. He further explained that this will be the only topic for discussion during this meeting.

Members Present

Jim Adams, Chief Benson, Chief Bergmann, Executive Director Bohn, Chief Cortazzo, Captain Crone, Chief Daly, Coordinator Dombrosky, Chief Hettinger, Accreditation Manager Ketchem, Chief Kitzinger, Frank Lavery, Chief Molloy, Chief Moravec, Sergeant Ross, Chief Rudzinski, Chief Scalzo, Chief Steffen, Andrea Sullivan, Chief Swartz and Chief Wagner.

Chief Ficco, Chief Grimes, Chief Hendershot, Chief Leindecker and Corporal Madrak were absent.

Frank Lavery read the preamble into the record. (Attachment)

Chief Steffen asked if the Commission has the waiver in hand, if needed. Chairman Rudzinski said that yes, the Commission has the waiver in hand.

After much discussion and many opinions of Commission members, Chief Steffen made a motion to rescind the prior Commission vote on the compliance status of the Philadelphia Police Department taken during the July 26, 2022 PLEAC meeting and due to the enactment of Philadelphia City Code 12-1700, Driving Equality Policy, Executive Order 6-21, the Philadelphia Police Department is not in full compliance with PLEAC program standards, specifically standard 1.1.1; seconded by Chief Scalzo.

A vote was taken of Commission members in attendance in regards to the motion with the following results: Nays – Three (3) votes as follows: Chief Benson; Chief Cortazzo and Accreditation Manager Ketchem; Yeas – Fourteen (14) votes as follows: Chief Bergmann; Captain Crone; Chief Daly; Coordinator Dombrowsky; Chief Hettinger; Chief Kitzinger; Frank Lavery; Chief Molloy; Chief Moravec; Chief Rudzinski; Chief Scalzo, Chief Steffen; Chief Swartz and Chief Wagner. Sergeant Ross abstained.

Chief Steffen made a second motion that the Philadelphia City Police Department is not in full compliance with PLEAC program standards, specifically with standard 1.1.1; seconded by Chief Daly.

A vote was taken of Commission members in attendance in regards to the motion with the following results: Nays - Five (5) votes as follows: Chief Benson; Chief Cortazzo; Captain Crone; Accreditation Manager Ketchem and Chief Rudzinski; Yeas - Twelve (12) votes as follows: Chief Bergmann; Chief Daly; Coordinator Dombrowsky; Chief Hettinger; Chief Kitzinger; Frank Lavery; Chief Molloy; Chief Moravec; Chief Scalzo, Chief Steffen; Chief Swartz and Chief Wagner. Sergeant Ross abstained.

Jim Adams informed the Commission that he will send out a copy of the Philadelphia City Police Department waiver for the Commission to review in preparation for the Fall Commission meeting.

At 10:46 pm, a motion was made by Chief Molloy to adjourn; seconded by Chief Cortazzo. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea N. Sullivan

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PREAMBLE:

The Philadelphia Police Department (hereinafter also referred to as "Philadelphia Police") due to enactment of an ordinance by City Council and an Executive Order from the Mayor has issued a directive regarding non-enforcement of certain sections of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code as primary offenses. That directive placed the Police Department outside of compliance with one of the current PLEAC (hereinafter also referred to as "the Commission") standards. The PLEAC Program Director and PLEAC President sent the Philadelphia Police Commissioner correspondence notifying Philadelphia Police that they were out of compliance with this current standard (Standard 1.1.1) and also advised of the administrative process to address the situation.

At the PLEAC meeting on July 26, 2022, the matter was addressed by the Commission with members of Philadelphia Police command staff in attendance. The command staff had brought a waiver request to the meeting which they were prepared to submit. There was discussion, resulting motions, and a vote concerning the compliance status of Philadelphia Police with the standard in question at the meeting. It has subsequently been reported by several members of the Commission that there was confusion as to whether they were voting on the current compliance status of Philadelphia Police, or on the waiver request which Philadelphia Police was prepared to present at the meeting.

To achieve resolution of the reported confusion and to correct any potential error that occurred at the July 26, 2022 meeting regarding Philadelphia Police Department, the following motion is proposed. In the event that the following motion is adopted by the Commission, the waiver request should be accepted and shared with all members of the Commission for review, further discussion and an opportunity to make a motion to vote on the waiver request at the next Commission meeting.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to rescind the prior Commission vote on the compliance status of the Philadelphia Police Department taken during the July 26, 2022 PLEAC meeting and due to the enactment of Philadelphia City Code 12-1700, Driving Equality Policy, Executive Order 6-21, the Philadelphia Police Department is not in full compliance with PLEAC program standards, specifically standard 1.1.1.